# *Wishing You A Happy Birthday, ky_ura!*



*Hope it's filled with everything you like and love!*

*From the Staff of Countless Time*

*{Artwork by heise}*

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From the Staff of Countless Time

Here's wishing that you have a beautiful day, and that your dreams come true!

*Countless Time extends their warmest wishes to all in having a wonderful Holiday!*

*Merry Christmas,*
*Happy Hanukkah,*
*Happy Kwanzaa,*

*and*

*Have a Great New Year!!*



Jingle bells, Jingle bells
Jingle all the way~
Oh, what fun it is to ride...



Santa might be a little late this year..



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GERBERA

I felt like I was punched right in the face when I received that rude awakening




Liar!
You fool!
Poor Yuuji!!
Hey!
Yukiko-chan rejected that guy Hanamine!
That day, while I was keeping an eye on that massive gallery,
Yuuji Hanamine, the best friend of mine, Ei Kiyose,
Got completely turned down
No way! He was actually dumped—?


People use to think that there would be none able to turn down his confessions.
Yuuji Hanamine has a nice face, as well as a good personality. He's intelligent and always ranks there fore, he's the top the most popular among the girls.
Argh
How ever, it seems like that one does exist.
YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH.
JUST HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH, AND NOBODY WILL EVER LAUGH AT YOU!
...YOU DON'T GET IT, EI.
I'M DONE FOR
WHY?


I'm going!!
Come on!
All my closest friends
HOW-EVER,
ESPECIALLY WHEN EVERYONE HAD CHEERED ME ON THAT MUCH BEFORE I CONFESSED TO HER
ACTU-ALLY, YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT IT TOO, RIGHT?
Crack
ONLY THE CLOSE ONE'S WON'T!
IT'S NOT THAT NOBODY WILL EVER LAUGH AT ME,
WHAT?
THE TRUTH IS, I DON'T REGRET CONFESSING TO HER AFTER ALL
EVEN NOW, I STILL THINK THAT YUKIKO-CHAN IS VERY CUTE.
I DIDN'T THINK IT'S WORK OUT,
SINCE I USE TO CATCH HER SE-CRETLY LOOK-ING AT ME
DAMN. IT REALLY CAN'T BE HELPED.
BUT,


SPUTTER
HEY, EI!
WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE ONE YUKIKO-CHAN LOVES?
LIKE I KNOW!
...YEAH
That's why I gave up
BUT HE MUST BE A REALLY GREAT GUY!
I'm sure that girl must have thought good of Yuuji, too
There isn't a trace of vanity in you behavior.
WHAT?
YOU'RE SO MANLY!
OBVI-OUSLY!


Always coloring her lips very lightly
That girl looks just like a pink flower
I wonder who the guy is that can be even better than Yuuji
Better than my best friend
HUGH?
The one she loves
Surprise
OOHARA-SAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


WHAT!?
SOMEBODY HID YOUR TEXT-BOOKS!?
Yukiko Oohara san
She's that "Yukiko chan"
KIYOMI-KUN……
HOW CAN IT BE? YOU'RE A SECOND YEAR ALREADY
THIS IS BAD— DOES IT HAPPEN OFTEN?
.. NOT REALLY. JUST RE-CENTLY.
RECENTLY !?
EH? REALLY!?
MUST BE SOME FANS OF YUUJI'S
AH.. I FOUND IT! IS IT THIS BOOK?
...SINCE THE DAY I REJECTED HANAMINE-KUN.....
Oh my


THANK YOU, KIYOMI-KUN.
AH . SORRY, OOHARA-SAN.
FOR WHAT?
Pat
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S JUST A BIT DIRTY.
MAYBE I'M NOT THE ONE TO TALK, BUT
YUUJI IS VERY SERIOUS ABOUT YOU, SO PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY.
I'M NOT ANGRY AT ALL.....
HANAMINE-KUN IS TRULY COOL.
HE'S TOO GOOD FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME.
! HUH? THEN CAN IT BE THAT INDEED YOU...
HOW-EVER,
THE ONE I REALLY LIKE
IS STAND-ING RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.


I'VE ALWAYS, ALWAYS LIKED YOU
EH...?
ME...?
Thump
HEY, YUUJI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS KIND OF PLACE?
Shock


YUUJI!
JUST NOW
HE HEARD IT!?
HEY! WAIT!!
YUUJI !!
RUN!
TWIRL
AH! HEY!


WAIT FOR ME!!
SO
THE ONE YUKIKO-CHAN LIKES, IN FACT, IS YOU
YUUJI
SHE ONLY LOOKED AT ME 'CAUSE I WAS TOGETHER WITH YOU.
HEY,
BUT I DON'T
SORRY
Eh...


I SAID I WOULDN'T CRY,— BUT NOW I'VE HAD ENOUGH
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE —
FOR A WHILE
PLEASE, STAY AWAY FROM ME
Why……


Why do things have to turn out like this...?
You heard it?
The one Yukiko-chan likes is Ei?
No way!
Seri-ous?
Those two why aren't talking to each other anymore. Even though they use to hang out all the time
As a boy, I can understand Yuuji's bitter feelings.
It's too
Ash I know it's disgraceful but can he just give it up?
Don't you think Ei is too pitiful?
Yeah-- I wonder what Yukiko is thinking--?
He's avoiding me
He's still avoiding me completely
SOMEHOW, I CAN NOW UNDERSTAND THE FEELING OF THE CELEBRITIES
No privacy for a love life at all


ALTHOUGH WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER EVER SINCE WE ENTERED THIS SCHOOL,
WHY?
DO YOU REALLY LIKE THAT GIRL SO MUCH?
NOW YOU
DON'T EVEN WANT TO SEE MY FACE
AH! SHIT! MY TEARS ARE FALLING


SO SHAMEFUL! HE SAW IT!
AAHH!!
EI……
HEY, YUUJI, WE'RE GOING TO PLAY FOOT-BALL— WANNA JOIN?
FOOT-BALL—
AH—! OKAY……
GO—
HEY, YUUJI!
PEOPLE OFTEN SAY THAT THE FRIENDSHIP OF WOMEN IS FRAGILE
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE FOR HIM, THE FRIEND-SHIP WITH ME IS ALSO NOTHING MUCH


Is painful
Ah!
Hey, Yuuji!
Where are you aiming at...?
HAA!
AAGH! IT'S JUST NORMAL ...
Being rejected by the one you like
Every body is the same


CRASH
AAAHH
KIYOMI !!
ARE YOU OKAY !?


Drip
Drip
Ah……
Ei……!
Roar
Who!? Who kicked the ball just now!?
I saw it! It was Yuu-ji! He kicked it!
What!?
He's gone too far! That Yuu-ji!
I can't believe it!
YUUJI DID..?
Arg
Hey……
CRASH
YOU'RE ALL WRONG! HE'S JUST MISUNDERSTANDING ME……
E……
Ei……


HOW……
CAN I……
……
SUCH THING……
I WAS LOOKING AT YOU RIGHT THEN SO……SO I AIMED……
AAH!
BLOOD……
EI YOU'RE BLEEDING……
YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL, YUKIKO-CHAN
……HOW……


I'M SORRY
WHAT CAN I DO NOW !
HOW CAN YOU REJECT SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN?
DON'T CRY
IF POSSIBLE
EVEN WHEN HE LOVES YOU SO MUCH?
TAKE ME TO THE INFIRMARY.
COME HERE




IF IT WERE ME...



SO PAINFUL

EVEN THOUGH MY HEAD IS NOW A BIT DIZZY,

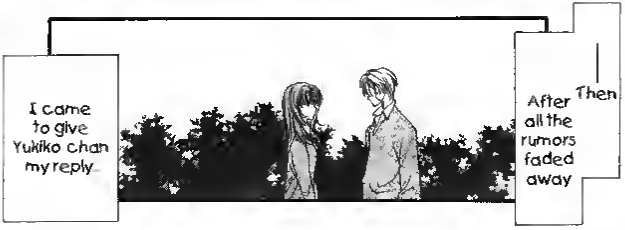


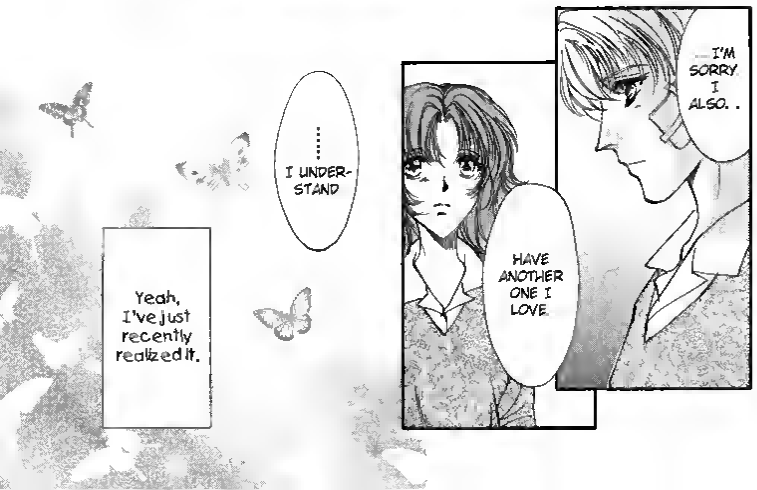




TO STAY IN HIS ARMS LIKE THIS


INFIRMARY
PLEASE HELP ME!!
CAN ALREADY MAKE ME FEEL MORE THAN SATISFIED


I came to give Yukiko chan my reply
After all the rumors faded away
Then


I'M SORRY I ALSO. .
HAVE ANOTHER ONE I LOVE
I UNDER-STAND
Yeah, I've just recently realized it.


The moment I saw your sorrowful face, which looked like it wasn't me
But you that had gotten hurt.
I realized it
WHAT A PITY I
SHE'S SUCH A GOOD GIRL
BUT THE THING IS, I ALSO HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE.
Liar! Who!?
I WON'T TELL YOU.
Tell me!
The flower has fully blossomed.
Inside my heart

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*Before entering High School, Ei and Yuuji had always been good friends, but it all started after Yuuji confessed to a girl and was rejected. The relationship between Ei and Yuuji has delicately changed. Boy's worry when falling in love... particularly when the partner is also a "boy". What should they do...?*

*Besides『Gerbera』, I especially added several new stories to this series『Koi dake ga boku wo Madowasweru』(I'm Only Confused By Love), and『Kizu』(Pain).*

♡*Boys love comics*

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## Gerbera

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Sweet pain


THAT SCAR ... WILL IT BE THERE FOR-EVER?
WHAT?
HERE
THE PAIN I CAUSED
YUU! ..! WHY DO YOU STILL WORRY ABOUT IT SO MUCH? DIDN'T I TELL YOU THIS IS NO BIG DEAL ALREADY?
...BUT
Two months ago


This guy Yuu! Hanamine, mis-directed a ball and broke the class-room window into pieces.
And I who was sitting nearby at the moment, got hurt by the frag-ments of the glass.
PLEASE BE MORE REALISTIC! THIS WOUND ISN'T THAT NOTICEABLE AFTER ALL!
Ah... It isn't the only thing that hap-pened!
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S THE SAME AS IF . FOR EXAMPLE, I WERE BORN WITHOUT AN ARM?
...IT'S ONLY A BIT UN-SIGHTLY, RIGHT?


...TOO UN-SIGHTLY


AAH... IF EI NEVER BECOMES A GROOM BECAUSE OF THIS SCAR, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
NOT TO MENTION, YOU HAVEN'T HAD A GIRL-FRIEND SO FAR
Hey stop it! Don't talk like you know every-thing about me!
Didn't I say ...
SORRY! ...!
Unexpect-edly, our relation-ship has become pretty complex...


Ugh...
That hurts!
WHAT THE HECK!
KICK
I'LL GO BACK TO CLASS FIRST.
I was kind of touched
Right after she rejected him
The girl Yuuji loves, Yukiko chan came and confessed to me
But the thing is...
This guy is the only one I love.


NOW, NOW... HAVEN'T YOU JUST FINISHED YOUR OWN LUNCH?
Giggle
This girl is the Yukiko chan I mentioned
WHAT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO TAKE HOME ECONOMICS
YEAH, CHEMISTRY
EH? GOING TO THE NEXT CLASS?
YES, BUT THAT'S NEXT WEEK
AH!
KIYOMI-KUN!
EH?
IT'S FINE NOW THEY DON'T DO IT ANYMORE
How about those who lose your textbook?
Whisper
I'M SORRY. I CAN ONLY THINK OF NORMAL TALK.
LATER!
Hehe
SEEMS LIKE THEY WANTED TO SHOW SOME COMPASSION TO ME
HAAH
Yukiko !!
WAIT! I'M COMING !!
IT ALL STOPPED RIGHT AFTER I GOT REJECTED BY KIYOMI-KUN

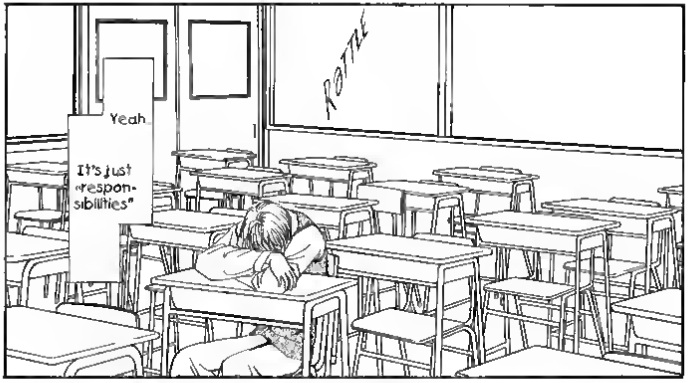

I DON'T UNDERSTAND GIRLS AT ALL...
They're so bewildering, just like a spinning top,
Yet so loveable...
Yuuji has fallen in love with that kind of girl, who looks so much like a pretty flower...
Undoubtedly, my love will come to nothing
HEY~ Ei!
SINCE YOU'RE TAKING FOREVER, I'VE COME TO PICK YOU UP!
We only have 5 more minutes
Did you see her? Just now
HUH? YUKIKO-CHAN?
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S STILL FINE, DOESN'T SHE?

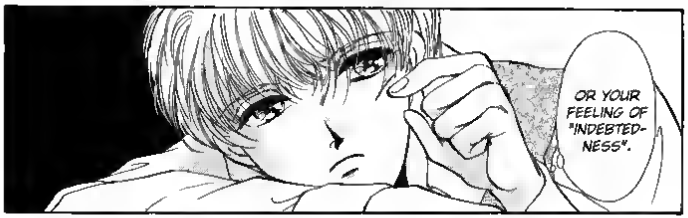

EVEN AFTER SHE DUMPED ME AND GOT DUMPED BY YOU!
AAGH!
Self-defense play
BUT I ALSO FEEL RELIEVED... SEEMS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HER...
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE...
ARGH!
Stagger
Ei !?
AP
THAT WAS DANGER-OUS.....
Hold

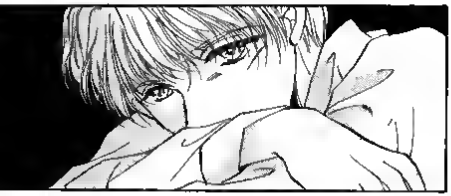

S-SORRY
THANK YOU
YOU HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL!
WHA..
WHAT'S UP?
Stare
Poke
!
DAMN
YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW
Why..
THAT IT'S ALL LIES WHEN YOU SAID "IT'S NOTHING MUCH"?


Why do you have to pay so much attention to this scar?
It'll surely fade away as time goes by...
To me, this pain is
I'M SORRY, Ei
The spur to our reconciliation.
There-fore, any time I see it
Ei, cut this
OKAY
I'LL CUT IT.
YUUJI


Yuuji...
Totally absorbed
I'll mix them...
OKAY
Gyu!
Ei, mix this and this...
Seems like he's trying to protect me
Against even the slightest source of danger
So don't leave yet. Wait for me, okay, Ei?
Now I'm going to deliver this to the staff room, then come back!
Huh??
That's none of your business!
Eh? What for?
Okay, so impatient
He's just feeling responsible toward me
Eh? I thought for sure you guys would go flirting around
No.
It's only because our houses are near
You guys intend to drop by some places?
Like Yuuji will ever need to do things like that!
That popular guy



If the situation was reversed I may have done it the very same way.

Fluttering all over, meddling with everything in order to make the one I hurt

Feel nothing of his pain




Clatter
However...
EH?
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
SENSEI ASKED ME TO DO THE COPIES SO...
EH?
.....
Ha
YOU'RE REALLY IN A GOOD MOOD, HUH?
EH? SLEEPING ALREADY?


I'm sorry
TOUCH
Sorry
So sorry


Sorry.....!
Sorry


Sputter
Sor
E... NOUGH !! STOP MOAN- ING !!
E. Ei !?
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU A HUNDRED TIMES THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THIS?
WHY DO YOU KEEP MAKING A BIG FUSS OUT OF SUCH A SMALL SCAR?!
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP FEELING INDEBTED TO ME?


IT DOESN'T BLEED ANYMORE AND THE WOUND HAS ALREADY HEALED OVER!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THIS SCAB!
PAT
SEE!
THEN IT'S FINE ALREADY!
That's... That's not it!
OR DID YOU PURPOSELY AIM AT ME FROM THE START?
ISN'T IT ONLY A SMALL ACCIDENT?
Grab
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF...
BUT I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY WOUNDS ON EI'S FACE


I STILL DON'T REALLY BELIEVE IT……!
EVEN THOUGH I KEEP TELLING MYSELF THAT IT'S NOT MY FAULT, THAT THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DELIBERATELY HIT YOU WITH THAT BALL……
MORE-OVER,
YOU'RE SO UNBELIEV-ABLE!
PLEASE, QUICKLY FORGET ALL ABOUT THAT ACCI-DENT!
I'm sorry, sorry
Stands up
Ei……?
……
BUT. . I REALLY LOVE THAT FACE OF YOURS . .
Though I only noticed it recently
WHAT !?
Perhaps


HEAR WHAT THIS COOL GUY'S SAYING
He only said that unconsciously
As expected from the girl I love...
IF I WERE A GIRL, I WOULD ALSO CONFESS TO YOU,
YUKIKO-CHAN REALLY HAS GOOD EYES
IT'S TRUE
SO HEAL FAST FOR ME, OKAY?
But I'm still
Over whelmed with joy
EH?
COOKIES?


I WONDER WHO PUT THEM HERE...
AH~ THAT'S RIGHT! THE GIRLS JUST HAD A COOKING LESSON
EH-? YOU PICKED IT UP?
WHY NOT? THEY LOOK QUITE YUMMY!
TAKE THIS!
Chomp
GOOD?
GOT IT...
FROM NOW ON, I'LL SHARE ANYTHING I GET WITH EI.
FOOL!
Wanna eat something before going home?
McDonald's?
Yoshino's house!


HEY, WHEN SUMMER COMES, LET'S GO TO THE BEACH!
EH? DON'T YOU HAVE TO TAKE A SEMINAR AT YOUR CRAM SCHOOL?
YEAH, BUT WE CAN GO AFTER THAT!
WE CAN TRY LOOKING FOR PRETTY GIRLS ON THE BEACH
Sigh
.. ... OKAY .....
By then


? WHAT?
I think this wound will be already good and healed.
But if it doesn't ever fade away that's also not bad....
..... NOTHING .....



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SUNSHINE


Mid-summer !
Under the relentless sunshine
The only place people can cool down their tanned skin
nowhere else but here
Oh...
What a crowd of jostling people!
Eeeww~!
Yuuji and I have come to the beach


Why did you come to the beach after all!?
Don't be so silly, Eiji
There's nothing fun about sprawling around like an old man, you know!
Boom
BEER
BEER
First of all, let's get ourselves some spots!
How about the place next to that super hot babe in the bikini over there?
EHH... ? ISN'T IT JUST FINE HERE, YUUJI?
THIS PLACE IS EMPTY
"CLOSE"
Let me tell you the answer, Yuuji
"WHY?" YOU ASK...
WHAT ? THE BEACH ?


It's because summer vacation is too long,
THAT'S FINE. I'LL GO WITH YOU
WANNA GO, EI?
WE'RE SO GONNA GET SOME CUTE BABES IN SWIMSUITS
YEAH, I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT WHEN SUMMER VACATION COMES WE WOULD GO TO THE BEACH
And I really wanted to see your face
HEY, PUT SOME OIL ON, EI
OKAY, THANKS


AH, THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN GOING TO THE POOL A LOT LATELY
WITH WHO?
WITH OUR CLASS-MATES, OOSAWA AND MAEDA
THEY HAVE FREE TICKETS SO
UH, WHY ARE YOU SO TANNED?
SWAAP
HERE IT COMES!
WAAAH! IT'S COLD!
IS THAT SO?
Hee Hee Hee
TURN
I'M GOING SWIM-MING!
HUH? YUU?
RUB IT ON YOURSELF!


Thank you very much!
Where?
Hey, look! That boy's so cool!
Ah, that's true!
No wonder Yuuji is always the center of attention
Ei! WANNA EAT A SNOW CONE?
Splash, Splash
AL-RIGHT
Where are you from?
Hey
ICE
Still work!?!
What's that?
You don't know?
I've gotten pretty used to the fact however


Even though they're all very beautiful and spunky
I'M TERRIBLY DEPRESSED
Ei!
Ei!
Since I've never thought there would come a day when I have to think of other girls as intruders
Somehow I really hate myself
WHAT GREAT INTRUSION!
WHAT?
OVER THERE!
THOSE TWO BEAUTIES OVER THERE!!
I still don't feel anything
Fried Soba
AREN'T THEY PERFECT? BOTH THEIR FACES AND STYLE?
HEH! THEY'RE LOOKING THIS WAY!!
I'LL GO AND CHAT WITH THEM!
AH... HEY! YUUJI!
IT REALLY CAN'T BE HELPED,


WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I WANT TO SWIM IN THE COLD WATER FOR A WHILE
EH?
SINCE OUR GOALS ARE TOO DIFFERENT RIGHT FROM THE START
EH?
LATER
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I CAN SWIM AS FAR AS 2KM REMEMBER?
CAN YOU REALLY DO IT?
Is he Yuuji-kun's friend? He's so cute!
Ah... What a pity, he's gone!


IT'S TOO SUFFOCATING
Irri-tating
Suffo-cating
This kind of feeling is so far beyond my control
Splash
During summer vacation I rarely see his face which I used to see nearly everyday
And I can only talk to him on the phone once in a while


ACTUALLY, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
This spring, I realized that I'm in love with him
But when summer came
I can't even tell him my true feelings
I can't let anyone notice it.
I have to submerge this feeling
Until the time I feel I can clamp down on it
Especially Yuu!
OKAY! I'M MUCH BETTER NOW!
I'LL HEAD BACK
.....
WHAT?


IT'S DANGER-OUS!
I SERIOUSLY CAN'T MOVE MY LEG!
PLEASE!
ANYBODY!!
Cough
!
...NO WAY!
MY LEG!
Cough
EI!

Zaa Zaa
Splash
Aaagh!
Grab
YUUJI
!?


I'M SAVED
Cough Cough
YOU
MORON !!
THAT'S WHY...
I TOLD YOU!
I THOUGHT MY HEART MIGHT HAVE STOPPED!
Mine, too


I think my heart stopped just now.
Hey! You okay?
AH, WE'RE FINE! SORRY
I'M SORRY
THEN—?
THANK YOU...
GOOD!
HOLD ON THERE!
Grab
I'M GOING TO DRAG YOU IN!


NNN
It's already enough if we can stay friends like this
Maybe
Splash Splash
It doesn't go as I wanna
Ah... Thank God, you're safe!
Just as expected from Youjun!!
The moment he said he couldn't see you
He plunged himself into the water right away!
GOOD THING YOU NOTICED
...SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I CAUSED
I'm sorry, too, you girls, for thinking that you're intruders
Hey, how about we go to the karaoke bar?
SOUNDS GREAT!
UH, I'M GOING HOME NOW


...YEAH
TOLD YOU, DON'T MIND ME!
SEE YOU LATER THEN!!
What's wrong?
Really?
Right?
Yuuji-kun's fine,
EH? WHAT? YOU SERIOUS?
I HAVE A SEMINAR STARTING TOMORROW MORNING BUT DON'T MIND ME YUUJI
JUST GO SING IF YOU WANT
Let's go, Yuuji-kun
It's enough if we can remain friends
SINCE "LOVER" IS SOMETHING ONE CAN'T ATTAIN WHEN IT'S ONLY ONE PERSON
TRUE LOVE SHOULD BE WITH A GIRL
How-ever


I will only come back
Clickity clack
Clickity clack
But, I can't let you see this ugly side of me
When I truly feel we can return to the way we were before
Clickity clack
I still can't bear the thought of you being "special" to someone else
Right now,
THUD!


YUUJI !?
HOW COULD YOU DECIDE TO GO BACK ALL OF A SUDDEN?
DIDN'T I SAY I WANTED TO GO TO THE BEACH WITH YOU, EI?
SO ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT I'D WANT TO GO BACK WITH YOU, TOO?
BUT... I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO FLIRT
DON'T WORRY!
I'VE GOT HER MOBILE NUMBER!
FINALLY, I CAN CHAT WITH YOU!
Very clever
THERE WERE TOO MANY INTERRUPTIONS TODAY, WASN'T THERE?
Hah
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!


HEY THIS..
YOU SKIRT CHASER!
CAN YOU PASS IT TO YOUR FRIEND FOR ME?
?
WHAT'S THIS?
MY MOBILE NUMBER
IF POSSIBLE, I REALLY WANT TO HAVE A DATE WITH HIM NEXT TIME!
?
YUUJI?
SQUEEZE
ARE YOU SLEEPY?
You can sleep if you want
...AAAGH
...I WONDER WHY THE NEW SEMESTER CAN'T START SOONER?


AFTER ALL, THE SUMMER VACATION IS PRETTY BORING, DON'T YOU THINK?
YEAH...

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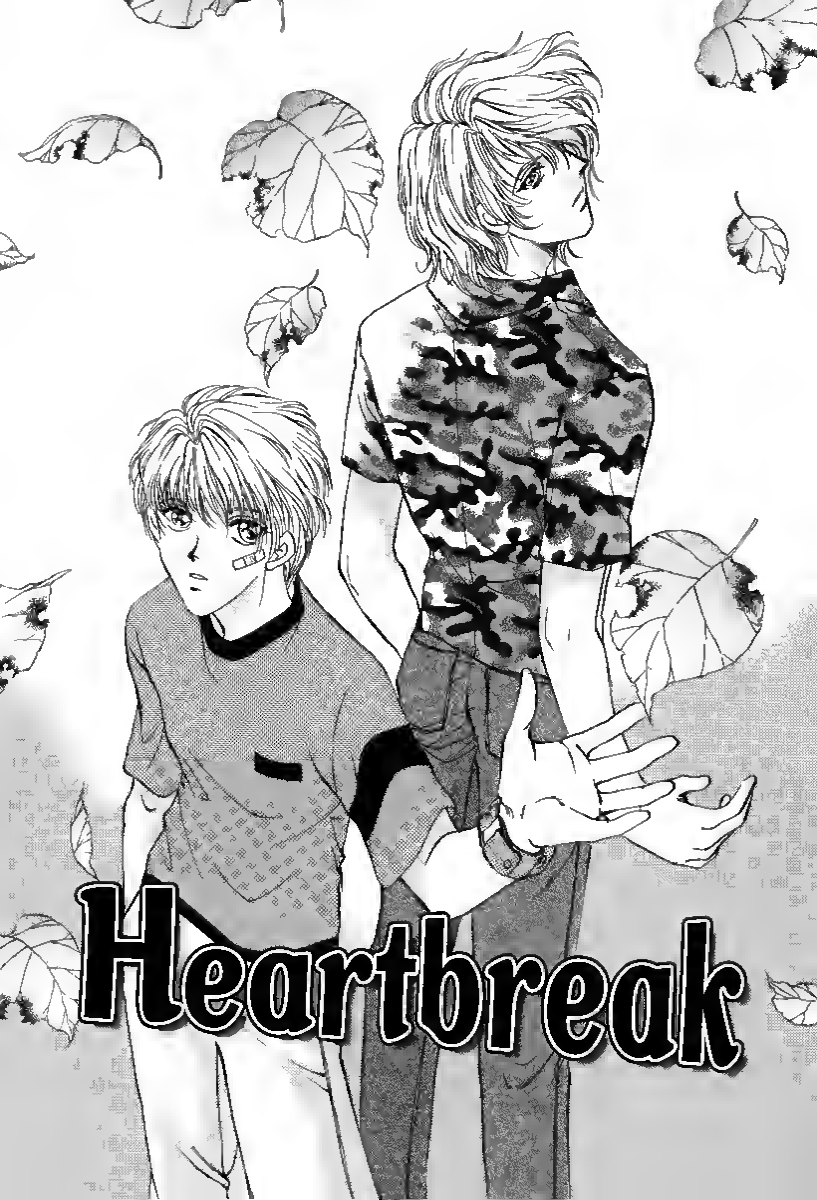
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Heartbreak

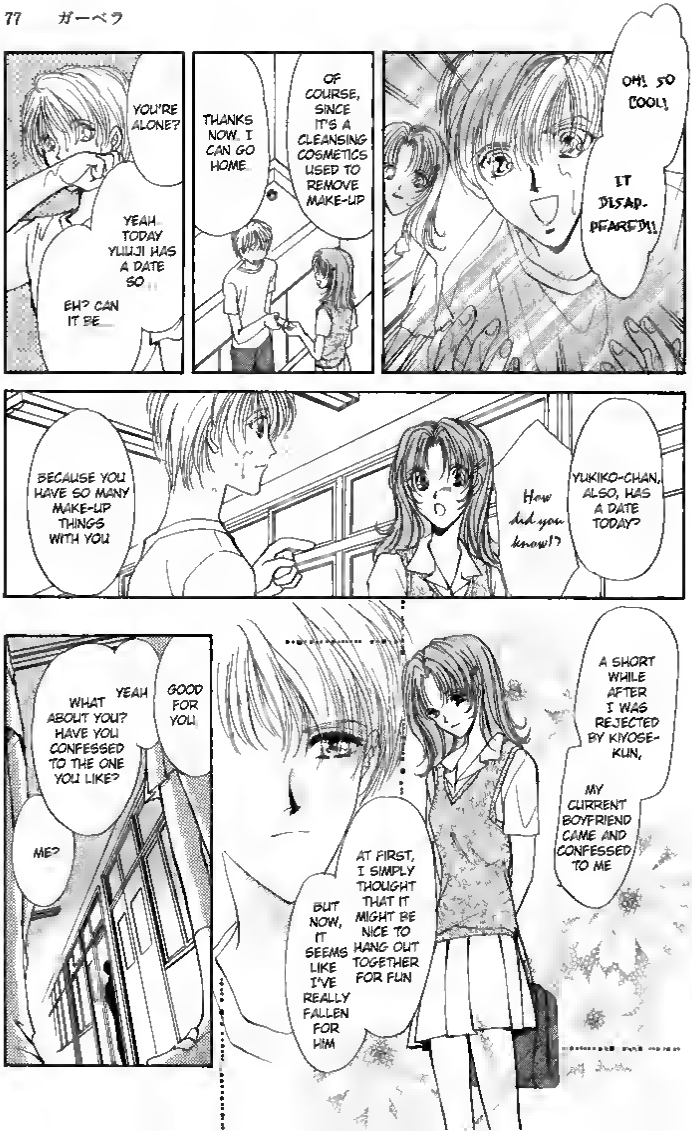

Like always, after summer passes,
The beginning of autumn is the busiest season at school
The season of the school festival
Hey.
I've brought the extra paint
Who needs the black one?
AH! OVER HERE!


Yes? Yuuji speaking.
Must be a girl huh?
He still hasn't changed at all
Jingle Jingle
AH, SORRY!! IT'S MY MOBILE!!
IN SOME WAY OR OTHER
SORT OF BUT I FEEL LIKE WE'RE ONLY MAKING BLACK BOARDS
You're almost done right?
And we intend to make it an amusing kind of one
The theme of our class is a café,
Recently...
If we make full use of such a face, I'm sure all the female guests will want to call in!
It seems like Yuuji's got a "girlfriend"
SORRY, E!
AH! NO WAY! YOU'VE FINISHED ALL THE REST!?
IT'S FINE THERE WERE ONLY 2 BOARDS LEFT ANYWAY
ARGH, MY BAD! I'M SO SORRY!!


YEAH
AH, YOU FOUND OUT?
A GIRL IN ANOTHER SCHOOL?
IT'S FINE, I TOLD YOU
IT'S A CALL FROM "HER", ISN'T IT?
BUT SOMEHOW I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO HANG UP
WHY DON'T YOU INVITE HER TO THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL? YOU CAN INTRODUCE US TO EACH OTHER
OKAY
HEY, EI
WHAT?
AH...
HERE
THE SCAR HAS FINALLY FADED AWAY, RIGHT?
WHAT A RELIEF
The injury, which Yuuji caused me in the spring had been completely healed when autumn came.


To tell the truth, I grieve over it a little bit.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I TOLD YOU, "THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY"
Since I think it'd be much better if it was still slightly there.
ACK! EI, YOU
PAINED
AAGH!
Zaaa
splash splash
DAMN. IT DOESN'T COME OFF.
GO AWAY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME.


YOU ALREADY HAVE A DATE WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND DON'T YOU?
IT'S OKAY SO GO AHEAD AND LEAVE
I'M TOO SOFT-HEARTED...
Even though I really don't want to meet that girlfriend of Yuuji's...
KIYOSE-KUN?
Thump
AH, YUKIKO-CHAN?
WHAT HAPPENED? YOUR FACE.
AH, THAT... SOME PAINT GOT ON MY FACE WHILE WE WERE PREPARING FOR THE CLASS PROGRAM, BUT IT REFUSES TO COME OFF
OH, THAT'S TOO BAD!
AH! WAIT A MOMENT!
HERE, USE THIS
PERFECT CLEANSING
Found it. Found it.
?


OH! SO COOL
IT DISAP-PEARED!!!
OF COURSE, SINCE IT'S A CLEANSING COSMETICS USED TO REMOVE MAKE-UP
THANKS NOW I CAN GO HOME
YOU'RE ALONE?
YEAH TODAY YUUJI HAS A DATE SO
EH? CAN IT BE
YUKIKO-CHAN, ALSO, HAS A DATE TODAY?
How did you know!?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE SO MANY MAKE-UP THINGS WITH YOU
A SHORT WHILE AFTER I WAS REJECTED BY KIYOSE-KUN,
MY CURRENT BOYFRIEND CAME AND CONFESSED TO ME
AT FIRST, I SIMPLY THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE NICE TO HANG OUT TOGETHER FOR FUN
BUT NOW, IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE REALLY FALLEN FOR HIM
GOOD FOR YOU
YEAH
WHAT ABOUT YOU? HAVE YOU CONFESSED TO THE ONE YOU LIKE?
ME?

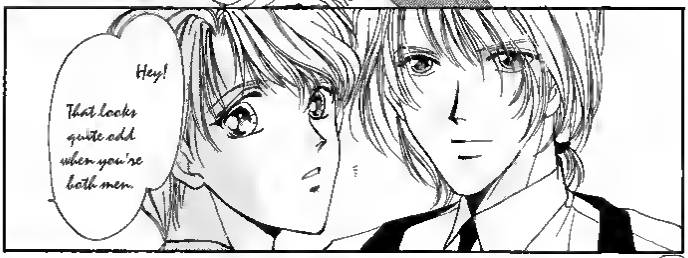

I'M NO GOOD...
I CAN ONLY KEEP QUIET AND LET IT SLIP AWAY...
BUT
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...
JUST LIKE THIS, I WON'T TELL HIM ANYTHING...
AND I'LL WAIT FOR THESE FEELINGS TO GRADUALLY FADE AWAY
IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER?
THEN WHY, KIYOSE-KUN
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
Flash


WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT JUST NOW...
MAYBE IT'S ONLY MY IMAGINATION..
I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING.
HOWEVER, KIYOSE-KUN
I TOLD YOU, I'M FINE
TOTALLY FINE
I'LL JUST GIVE UP AND FORGET EVERYTHING,
THEN TRY TO FALL FOR SOMEBODY ELSE
.....


Somehow I'm STUNNED
I'LL DROP BY AND DRINK AT THE CAF? OF 2-B CLASS OKAY!
SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL INTEREST IN KIYOSE-KUN ANYMORE
IF THAT'S THE CASE I'LL CONFESS TO YOU AGAIN ONE DAY
YOU SHOULDN'T THAT'S UNFAITHFUL!
Giggle
JUST KIDDING
BANG
BANG
It's true I've decided to forget everything
Until the day I can see him as only a normal friend again
KITA HIGHSCHOOL FESTIVAL
KITA HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL
KITA HIGH SCHOOL CAFE
SCIENCE CLUB
HAUNTED HOUSE
The 30th Kita High School Cultural
KHS Festival
KHS Festival
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MEIKODAIMAE HIGH SCHOOL


Now it's up to the power of advertising!
Call lots of people here okay!?
Yup!!
Oh!
This is great!
CA
2-B is opening a café
Please drop by and have a drink!
Will I see you guys at the cafe?
We'll be there in one hour, since we're the waiters. Here are your discount tickets.
Then we'll drop by at that time
AS EXPECTED FROM YOU!!
YOU CAN ATTRACT EVEN THOSE OLD LADIES!
JUST SOME SWEET TALK! SWEET TALK!
2-B CAFÉ CLUB


Hmm, your neckline is crooked.
YOU'RE EXTRAORDINARILY SUITED TO THIS.
Touch
BUT IT SUITS YOU REAL WELL, SERIOUSLY
EI, TOO


Hey!
That looks quite odd when you're both men.

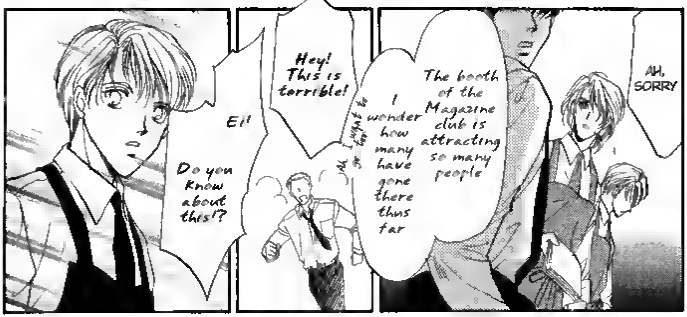

THE GIRLS AT THE BEACH!!
EH? YOU TWO!?
Welcome
Hi there, Mr. Friend.
I'm here, Yuuji ♡


OF COURSE I AM HERE YOU ARE
Thanks ♡
THEN HIS NEW GIRLFRIEND IS
YOU'RE TOO LATE! I DON'T HAVE ANY DISCOUNT TICKETS LEFT.
Eh? Are you kidding?
Ha.
HI... I'M SORRY FOR THE MESS I MADE AT THE BEACH
No you didn't do anything at all.
I'm really glad we could meet again. I couldn't just sit and wait for your call anymore.
MY CALL?
Eh!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
Don't tell me Yuuya-kun still hasn't given it to you!
I've asked him to give you my mobile phone number.
PERHAPS HIS HEAD NOW IS FULL OF ONLY HIS NEW GIRLFRIEND
Never mind! I'll give it to you again then!!


This is my cell phone number. Next time, let's have a proper date, okay?
UMM, OKAY... LET'S DO IT.
SNATCH
!?
Sachi Kamada
YUUJI!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO GIVE UP, SACHI!? THIS GUY ALREADY HAS SOMEONE HE LOVES!
Shocked
HE REFUSES TO TELL ME WHO IT IS,
BUT I STILL KNOW HE'S CRAZY IN LOVE WITH HER...
YUUJI...


IS THAT TRUE, EI?
YEAH YOU HEARD IT RIGHT, YUUJI
You-hum, don't you realize you're standing in our way?
He accepted my offer just now
But...!
EH?
I ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE I LOVE
YOU STILL REMEMBER?
EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU ONLY ONCE?
BUT YOU...
I GAVE UP ALREADY ON THE ONE I USED TO LOVE
IT'S SOMEONE I KNOW I CAN NEVER GET, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I WANT TO. THEREFORE, I GAVE UP!


We have to attract more guests...
Hey stop standing around you two!
Ei...?


Ei!
Do you know about this!?
Hey! This is terrible!
I wonder how many have gone there thus far
The booth of the Magazine club is attracting so many people
AH, SORRY


Your photos are being hung right over there!
T-The Magazine Club is displaying the so-called Pictures of a prized scoop"
ME? KNOW WHAT..


Jolted
WAIT
SORRY, LET ME PASS
Prized Scoop
NO WAY !?
Tears After School
What reason!? 2B's Ei and 2
AS I THOUGHT... ' THAT TIME .
THE ONE ...


THE ONE YOU SAID YOU COULD NEVER HAVE IS STILL YUKIKO AFTER ALL?
YUU...JI !?
YOU'RE WRONG
IF SO, THEN WHY DID YOU WITHDRAW?
DID YOU THINK I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU DID SO?
YOU'RE WRONG, YUUJI!
THEN TELL ME HOW I'M WRONG!!


Chatter
I WAS COMPLETELY REJECTED BY YUKIKO-CHAN.
HENCE THIS FORTUNE OF YOURS WILL ONLY MAKE ME FEEL MORE MISERABLE!
YUUJI!
OR ARE YOU DOING THIS TO MAKE FUN OF ME AND WATCH ME SUFFERING?
Slap
Grab
LISTEN TO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY!
YUU..

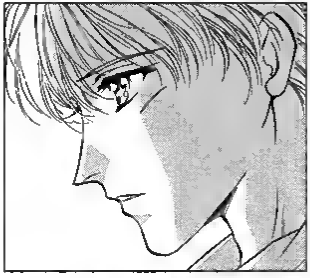

PUNCH
THUD
DAMN IT...!
Kiyose-kun!?
Aaah !?
WHY ...?

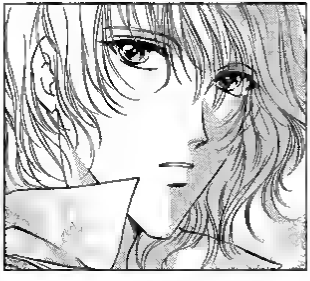

WHY AM I FIGHTING WITH THE ONE I LOVE?
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STOP IT!!
SUCH A...
STOP IT!


House arrest
Yuuji Hanamine
Ei Kiyose
Chatter Chatter
Chatter
Ah, How can it be ?
AT THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, I WAS UTTERLY ...
Yuuji Hanamine
Ei Kiyose
Fighting students will be punished by three days of suspension. House arrest.
PAINFUL MEMORY ...
STOP IT, NOW !!


SEPARATED FROM YUUJI DURING OUR FIGHTING.
YUUJI, ALSO, CAUSED ME A NEW WOUND
IN THE VERY SAME PLACE AS THE OLD ONE WAS.
HOW-EVER...


THIS WOUND IS A HUNDRED TIMES MORE MISERABLE.





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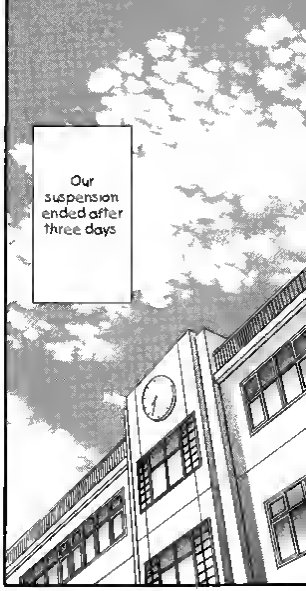
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# Regret




Our suspension ended after three days

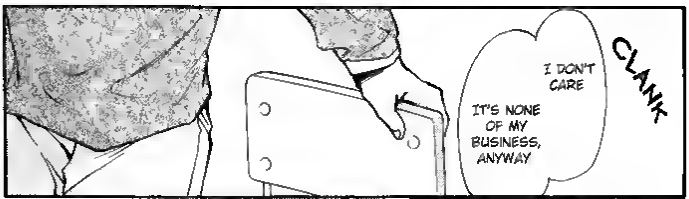



However


To tell the truth, I'm exhausted
This fight doesn't even compare to our last one
Yuuji won't even look me in the face
This knotted chain doesn't seem like it's going to untangle
Thump
Ei!
It's
YOUR BANDAGE IS COMING OFF
Ouch
Ahh
AH, YEAH, THANKS
OH?
AH, IT'S YOU MAEDA
SHIT, IT LOOKS BAD!
DO YOU HAVE A NEW ONE? I'LL STICK IT ON FOR YOU


HEY, DO YOU THINK MAEDA IS GOOD ENOUGH TO DO THAT?
JUST STICK THE NEW ONE ON, WOULD YOU?
DON'T LIE! IT'S STILL SO RED.
IT DOESN'T HURT THAT MUCH ANYMORE, YOU KNOW.
I MEAN, YOU HAVE SUCH A CUTE GIRL-FRIEND.
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO 2-D TO GET THAT DONE, KIYOSE?
MAYBE YOU'LL GET "SPECIAL" TREAT-MENT, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN
AA- SO JEALOUS!
BUT YUKIKO IS A BAD PERSON, YOU KNOW...
I MEAN, ISN'T SHE SEEING ARITA FROM 2-D?
WOW, SHE'S TWO-TIMING? THAT'S SCARY. SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THAT KIND OF GIRL
YUUJI, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY?
YOU KNOW WHAT GIRLS ARE LIKE.
SHUT UP!!


It's just a joke!
WOW... ARE YOU SERIOUS, EI? SCARY...
HEY, HELP US OUT YUUJI.
THAT'S RIGHT, THEY TOOK THAT PICTURE BECAUSE I WAS MISERABLE AND NEARLY IN TEARS.
I WON'T LET YOU SAY THOSE THINGS ABOUT HER, SO TAKE IT BACK!
YUKIKO-CHAN DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!!
IT'S JUST ME! JUST ME, ALRIGHT!!


CLANK
I DON'T CARE
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, ANYWAY


IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH ME


Whistle
Being away from him
OKAY, ROUND UP AFTER GROUP EXERCISE
Wow! So exciting!
KAWANO, LET'S BE PARTNERS
SURE
EI, COME JOIN US
OKAY
...makes me realize that I was always with him
OH, LUNCH TIME!
Ding D-ang
Ding D-ang


Yuuri's Clarinet Lesson today
LET'S GO TO THE CAFÉ
WELL, IT'S NO WONDER I LIKED HIM
IF YUUJI WAS THERE, NOTHING ELSE MATTERED. IT WAS SO FUN WITH HIM ALL THE TIME
BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WOULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN ANYWAY, UNLESS I CHANGED MY FEELINGS TOWARD HIM.
RING RING RING
A MESSAGE ?
DROP
From Sachi
Whaf you doin ?


TIME JUST QUICKENED...
ACHE
OUCH!
AND SEPARATED US SOONER
FUCK


I HONESTLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING GOING ON WITH KIYOSE-KUN, CAN'T YOU TRUST ME ALREADY?!
BUT... YOU LIKED KIYOSE BEFORE, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT I FEEL NOTHING TOWARDS HIM NOW!
REALLY, THERE'S NOTHING!
REALLY?
?
HEY! WAIT A SEC...!
HANAMINE -KUN...


ARE YOU REALLY SUCH A WHORE, YUKIKO-CHAN?
WHY ARE YOU SAYING SUCH A THING?
Step
SUCH A THING?
I'M TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT E!!
"NOTHING TOWARDS HIM"?!
ARE YOU PLAYING AROUND WITH HIM OR WHAT?! DON'T JOKE-AROUND !!
WHAT...?
YOU ONCE LIKED ME, HANAMINE-KUN
WHA...
WHY ARE YOU SAYING...?
Female logic
BUT YOU DON'T FEEL ANYTHING FOR ME ANYMORE, RIGHT?
IT'S THE SAME THING AS THAT...


EVEN YOU HAD A FIGHT WITH KIYOSE-KUN...
BUT EVER SINCE THE FEST, EVERYONE IS SAYING WHATEVER THEY WANT
I ALREADY LIKE SOMEBODY ELSE. I'M NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON
THE ONLY PERSON I LIKE NOW IS HIM
SNIFF SNIFF
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
I WAS JUST CHEERING KIYOSE-KUN UP A BIT...
GLARE
WE'RE FRIENDS!
I CHEERED HIM UP LIKE THAT BECAUSE HE'S MY FRIEND!
NOBODY BELIEVES ME, BUT I THOUGHT AT LEAST YOU BELIEVED IN ME!!


I FEEL SO BAD FOR KIYOSE-KUN...!
W... WAIT!!
Thump
SO THERE'S REALLY NOTHING BETWEEN YOU GUYS?
BUT HE SAID THAT HE'S INTO SOMEONE WHO WAS IMPOSSIBLE...
IF IT WAS ME, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN "IMPOSSIBLE"
KIYOSE-KUN HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN LOVE WITH THAT "IMPOSSIBLE PERSON"
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE, HANAMINE-KUN?

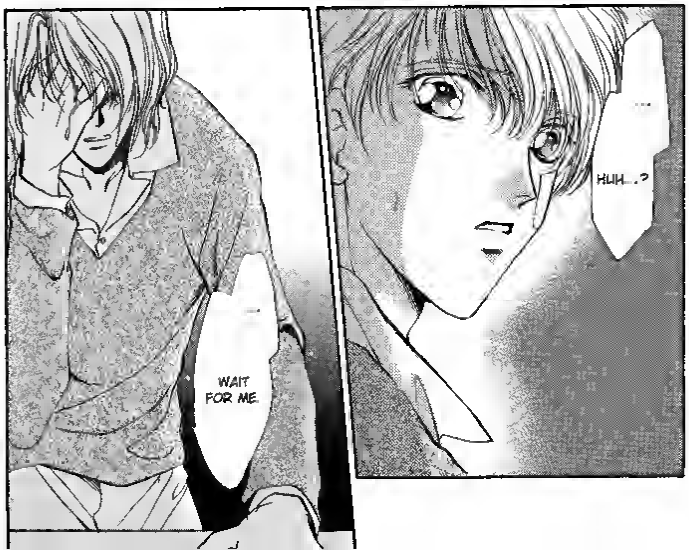

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IT... CAN'T BE
TURN
I REALLY FEEL BAD FOR KIYOSE-KUN
AH! WAIT, YUKIKO!
I believe in you!
LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY!
WAS IT... A MISUNDERSTANDING BY ME...?


HE'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE LUNCH
IS HE FEELING UNWELL..?
PEEK
YUUJI?
SHEESH...
I'M DRAGGING THIS OUT REALLY BADLY.
THERE'S NO MORE CHANCE FOR ME.
KNOCK
MINE-KUN
HANAMINE-KUN!
HUH..?


YES?
YOU'RE ACTING QUITE DARING IN MY CLASS
WERE YOU LISTENING?
Okay, stand up
"I ONLY HAVE A STORMING REGRET INSIDE MY HEART."
TRANSLATE IT
I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T KNOW...!
CHATTER
DROP
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY IT?
PLEASE TELL ME


Ding Dong
That's all for today
WE'LL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK
OH, CLASS HAS ENDED
Mumur
YOU...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY...
Mumur
PLEASE, TELL ME...!
OH MY, WHAT HAPPENED, HANAMINE-KUN?
Fake tears?
DON'T CRY...
I don't know what it's about, but
SORRY
I CAN'T... ST
...
...OR...


EI, WAIT...!


...
HUH...?
...
WAIT FOR ME.


YUU...!!
?
FLINCH
SWAY
!
WAI
...


AAGH!!
YUUJI?!
YUUJI?!
WHAT'S WRONG, YUUJI?!
SHIT...
MY... STOMACH
YOUR STOMACH?!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? SOMEONE WILL TAKE YOU TO THE INFIRMARY.
...OH
HUH?!
EH, YOU...


EI, YOU TAKE ME !
COLLAPSE
YUUJI!?
YUUJI !!

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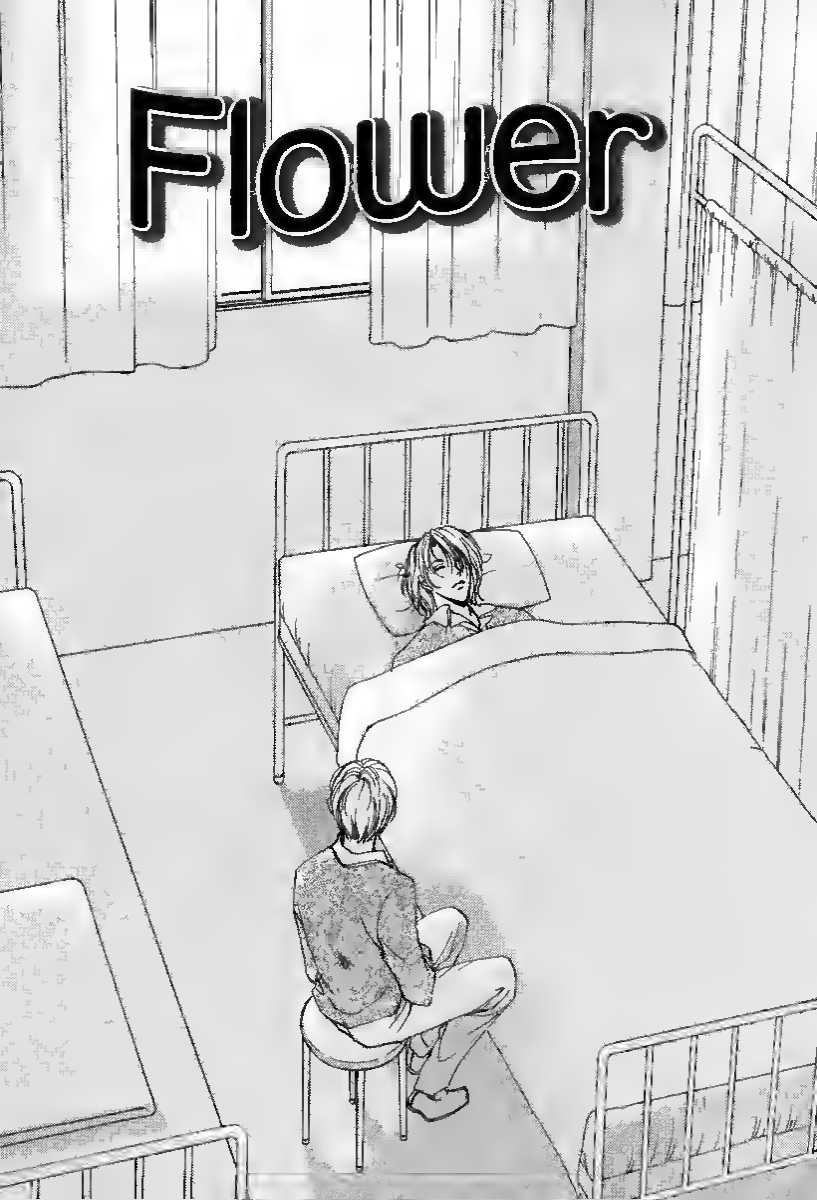
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Flower
INFIRMARY
IT MIGHT BE GASTRITIS
He's sleeping well
BUT I THINK HE'S FINE FOR NOW
IF HE'S ABLE TO WALK, TAKE HIM HOME
YES
HE CAN COME BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER GETTING A CHECK-UP AT THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW
OKAY
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, I'M IN THE STAFF ROOM
AL-RIGHT
chuckle
WHAT IS IT?
HUH?
IT WAS SPRING THEN
THE TIME HE CAME HERE, CRYING, WITH YOU ON HIS BACK

# Flower




YES, THAT HAPPENED IN SPRING.
Ugh!
IT FEELS LIKE, SINCE THEN.
SENSEI! PLEASE HELP E!!
Stop him!
Go attack
A LOT OF TIME HAS PASSED
Beep. Beep.
OH, A MESSAGE?
WHO IS IT FROM?


HUH?
YUUJI
DID I WAKE YOU UP? I'M SORRY
Creak
THE MES-SAGE
WHO'S IT FROM?
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHO" .?
SHOW ME
WHY?
'COZ I WANT TO SEE
SHOW IT TO ME, EI


I DON'T MIND, BUT...
YUUJI ...?
WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY, EI-KUN? I HAD A TEST TODAY IT WAS SO BAD
LET'S GO OUT TOGETHER AGAIN SOME TIME BYE FOR NOW SACHI
SATISFIED? IT REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING
BLIP BLIP BLIP
BLEEP
WHAT ?!
WHA- WHAT DID YOU DO?!
I ERASED IT! BOTH THE MESSAGE AND ADDRESS!
WHAT ?!


I TOLD HER MANY TIMES AND EVEN THREW AWAY THE MEMOS,
I TOLD HER THAT EI LIKED SOMEONE ELSE
BUT SHE STILL CLINGS ON TO YOU JUST LIKE THAT
YUUJI
I MEAN, SACHI-SAN IS YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S FRIEND AND...
WHY DID YOU DO THAT WITHOUT ASKIN-...
'COZ THAT BITCH IS REALLY ANNOYING!!
IT WAS ALREADY OVER BETWEEN HER AND ME...
ON THE DAY WE FOUGHT...
BUT WHY...
WHY ARE YOU STILL BEING FRIENDLY WITH SACHI!?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!
!


IT HAS BEEN LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME
WHEN I'M FIGHTING WITH YOU...
OR WHEN I SEE YOU WITH SOMEBODY ELSE
MY HEART GOES MAD LIKE THIS
LONG TIME...
HUH?
A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT?! IT'S BECAUSE YOU SUDDENLY RAISED YOUR VOICE
OUCH...!
!




LET ME THINK LIKE THIS.
PLEASE, DON'T MOVE.
I'M SORRY!
YU...
WHY AM I STRUGGLING SO MUCH WHEN I THINK ABOUT YOU?
WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS, EI?
Thump
HOWEVER I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER, RIGHT?
I REALLY LIKE GIRLS, BUT,
I START HATING THEM WHEN THEY GET CLOSE TO YOU.
Thump
I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO HIT YOU...
THE PERSON I TRULY GOT PISSED AT WAS YUKIKO, NOT YOU.
WHEN I SAW THE PICTURE OF YOU WITH YUKIKO,


I..
I THINK I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU
THAT MUST BE IT!
EI, I REALLY..


push
AAGH!
SO MEAN
JUST 'COZ YOU FIND IT DISGUSTING, YOU DON'T HAVE...
TO PUSH...
OUCH
BAM
OUCH!
DON'T SAY SUCH A THING
SO EASILY...!!


EI!!
YOU HAVE ... NO CLUE HOW I FELT ...
TURN
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY CLUE HOW MUCH I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT!!

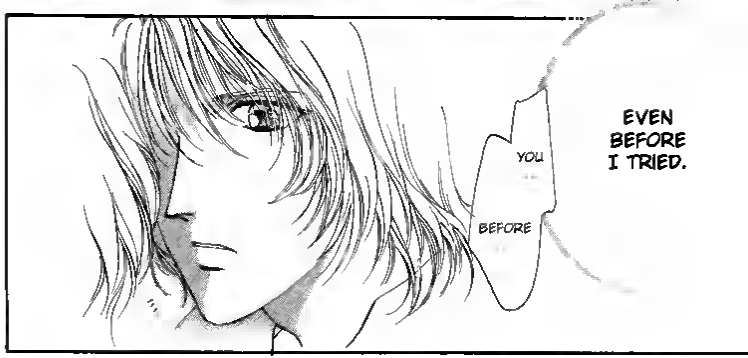

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
IT'S NOT SOMETHING EASY TO SAY OUT LOUD
IT'S NOT RIGHT! I'M A GUY AND YUUJI IS, ALSO, A GUY.
AND SO, THIS FEELING...
STEP
SUCH FEELINGS LIKE THESE AREN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN COME TRUE


huff
huff
NOT GOOD
MY HEART'S GONE MAD
I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT IT WAS ALREADY THIS LATE
EVERYONE IS GONE NOW
WELL, THAT DOESN'T MATTER AT ALL
YUUJI SAID THAT HE LIKES ME
HE LIKES ME
RUSTLE
I DO LIKE YOU
HOW ELSE AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY IT?


I CAN'T HELP IF IT SOUNDS LIKE I SAY THAT ALL THE TIME, BUT...
I SAY IT EXACTLY THE SAME AS I DO OTHER GIRLS
RUSTLE
RUSTLE


WHEN I FEEL LIKE THIS
ISN'T IT THE SAME FOR YOU, TOO, EI..?
THIS KIND OF FEELING
CAN'T BE UNDERSTOOD IF NOT SAID IN WORDS,
ESPECIALLY FOR A GUY WHO IS ALSO A FRIEND
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT, EI?
I WAS REALLY SURE THAT IT WOULDN'T COME TRUE, AND...
WHO'S THE PERSON YOU'VE LIKED?


I WAS BEING AFRAID ...
IF IT'S ME, I'M REALLY HAPPY, YOU KNOW?


YOU
BEFORE
EVEN BEFORE I TRIED.


I LIKED YOU BEFORE YOU LIKED ME, YOU KNOW!!
Chuckle
THANKS
I WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST HIM,
BUT AT LEAST FROM NOW ONWARDS, I WILL
THEN LET'S BECOME "LOVERS", EH


YUU...
JI...
FROM NOW ON.


SORRY...
THE "FLOWER" WHICH WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO BLOSSOM,
I WILL TRY MY BEST NOT TO LET IT DIE
SORRY FOR EVERYTHING UNTIL NOW.


THERE WERE SOME THINGS I DID INTENTIONALLY SORRY
FROM NOW ON
EH---?


Ba-dum!
I WONDER IF IT WAS LOVE SICKNESS?
I SEE HE'S QUITE DELICATE DESPITE HOW HE LOOKS...
HANAMINE-KUN IS ALREADY BETTER?
I heard that he was ill—
YEAH, IT WAS SOME PROBLEM CAUSED BY STRESS
MY MY,
Chuckle
WHAT ARE YOU BLUSHING FOR, KIYOSE-KUN?


IT SEEMS LIKE YUKIKO-CHAN KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT IT
SEE YOU, KIYOSE -KUN.
OKAY~
HEY, YUKIKO! THIS WAY!
BOYS ALSO CHANGE WHEN THEIR LOVE BLOSSOMS
UH? AH~ MAYBE
giggle giggle
WHAT'S UP? YOU SEEM HAPPY
NO, HOLD ON, THIS IS ACTUALLY QUITE NICE YOU KNOW
IT'S SO COLD. LET'S EAT INSIDE, YUUJI
EI! THIS WAY!!
IT'S LIKE A FLOWER, BEING SO RED


YOU'RE RED, WHAT'S UP?
NOTH-ING.
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT ABOUT IT? YOU DIDN'T WANT IT TO OR WHAT?
TO TELL THE TRUTH, A LITTLE BIT.
HUH?
THE TRUTH IS...
THAT I WAS HOPING A BIT THAT THE WOUND I MADE WOULD STAY.
I'M SORRY.
THIS LOVE...
THE WOUND HEALED JUST LIKE I THOUGHT IT WOULD
Poke




IT'S JUST
A FLOWER

WITH A
DIFFERENT
COLOR.

《END》

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# ONLY LOVE CAN CONFUSE ME


HMM?
AH! I THOUGHT SO!!
YEAH.
SORRY, I WAS JUST WONDERING
I'M BORROWING THIS. THANKS!
BANG
TAP
TAP
TAP
HOW ....?


HOW DID HE KNOW?!
Only 6 months until graduation
It was meant to be a silent love
But he ended up finding out
HEY, SAHARA!
I've been watching you for two and a half years Yuzuki Hirofumi
But are you that sharp?!
gulp
YOU'RE LATE, MAN
It's starting soon
THANKS A LOT JUST AS I THOUGHT, YOURS WAS EASY TO UNDERSTAND IT REALLY SAVED ME
OH, REALLY ...
Your notes are really good


WHAT?
So that's how it is
HURRY!
TAP TAP TAP
YEAH? WHAT? OH, THE BELL'S RINGING!
LET'S GO, SAHARA, OR WE'LL BE LATE.
YUZUKI, YOU KNOW
Ding Dong
You're kind enough to pretend like it's never happened
"I noticed it But let's pretend nothing's there."
Yeah, it's like that.
I had no intention of confessing anyway


click
click
click
GUESS I SHOULD BE GLAD HE DOESN'T AVOID ME.
click
click
click
click
I'll just try really hard for my first choice.
WHATEVER. THIS SCHOOL IS ONLY A BACKUP CHOICE ANYWAY
Tung
"Because if anything happens you can always sharpen it with your teeth."
"You absolutely must bring pencils to the exam OK?"
BUT I HATE USING PENCILS
Click
IT'S BROKEN DAMN IT!


Yeah
That's when it started
YOU LOOK COMPLETELY RESIGNED


FIRST I HEARD YOUR PEN SCRATCHING ON PAPER. THEN THE CLICKING.
AND THEN NOTHING.
AND I THOUGHT "WOW THIS GUY MUST BE DAMN SMART!"
GULLS EYE !
YOUR FIRST CHOICE IS SOME-WHERE ELSE?
SUCH A PITY YOU'LL END UP PASSING THIS EXAM
I turn
HEY.
HOW ABOUT GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL WITH ME?
YEAH, YOU'RE QUITE SHARP
And just as he proposed, I chose this school


TWO AND A HALF YEARS,
WE GOT ALONG PRETTY WELL...
I ONLY BECAME CONSCIOUS OF IT RECENTLY...
"OH, I WON'T SEE YOU AGAIN AFTER GRADUATION."
"YOU'LL MEET SOME CUTE GIRL AT COLLEGE AND GO OUT WITH HER."
'I'D HATE THAT.' SO I THOUGHT, AND THEN I BEGAN TO REALIZE MY FEELINGS FOR YOU


SAHARA!
CAN I SEE YOUR ARITHMETIC NOTES?
BUT I THOUGHT I'D JUST STAY SILENT...
...FOR THE REMAINING SIX MONTHS


SURE, IS IT YOUR TURN TODAY ?
NO, IT'S JUST YOUR NOTES ARE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND THAN SENSEI'S LESSONS
I DIDN'T GET SOME PARTS FROM LAST TIME.
Oh, thanks!




AH!
THIS...


Heiren
OH NO!
Blush
IT'S THE PEN I GAVE YOU
YOU KEEP THINGS REALLY WELL, HUH? STILL USING IT?
THANKS FOR THE NOTES! I'LL RETURN THEM RIGHT AWAY
WAS HE TEASING ME?
THAT WAS SO AWK-WARD
Chatter
Mom, I'm ex-hausted!
Chatter
Chatter


SLIDE
CAN WE HAVE SOME AIR IN HERE? OPEN THE WINDOW.
AAH.
SAHARA, COULD YOU PLEASE?
IT'S SUPPOSE TO BE AUTUMN.
GOD, IT'S SO HOT.
FEELS SO NICE NOW
SOME-HOW SAHARA LOOKS JUST AS COOL AS EVER
NOT EVEN ONE DROP OF SWEAT.
SWISH
ICE CREAM?
THADUMP
SAHARA ...
Step
Step
Even with Yuzuki
GOOD, I'M STILL FINE WITH ALL THIS STRIPPING NAKED!


WANT SOME?
IT'S NEW AND TASTES QUITE GOOD!
TRUST ME, IT'S GOOD
This is bad
YUZUKI...
RUSTLE
Really bad
STOP FOOLING AROUND


chatter
chatter
WHAT? ARE YOU TWO FIGHTING? THAT'S RARE!
FIGHTING...?
I DON'T GET IT EITHER
SAHARA?
Pretending like nothing happened right?
BEING HALF-NAKED IS OKAY, BUT SHOWING HIS TONGUE LIKE THAT...!
What I was thinking as I looked at your tongue...
Yuzuki
You don't get it at all, do you?




JUST TALKING TO YOU WAS ENOUGH.

I WAS FINE JUST WATCHING YOU




Whispering
JUST HALF A-YEAR LEFT...
REALLY
IT CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS!
Tanaka and Sugawara?
?
SOMEONE FROM MY CLASS?
WE'RE HAVING A TEST SOON, YA KNOW
YOU'RE COMPLETELY IN MY THOUGHTS!
IS IT OKAY IF EVERYTHING STAYS LIKE THIS?
HOW PATHETIC...
TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF
Slide
YUZUKI'S RELYING ON SAHARA'S NOTES
IF THEY KEEP ON FIGHTING, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BORROW IT...
YEAH, I GUESS...


AND WE'RE JUST COPYING YUZUKI'S NOTES.
SO WE MUST GET THEM TO MAKE UP WITH EACH OTHER.
CAN WE?
YUZUKI HIMSELF DOESN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND
WELL, SAHARA'S TOO SMART FOR HIM.
HE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
Yeah, I wonder what he's up to.
I SEE.
SO, THAT'S HOW IT IS.
SAHARA!


GOOD! I THOUGHT YOU WENT HOME ALREADY
RUSTLE
WHAT IS IT?
OH, I THOUGHT I'D RETURN THE NOTES
OH, YOU'RE DONE WITH IT?
HUH? YEAH
HAVE TANAKA AND SUGAWARA COPIED THEM AS WELL?
OH, YEAH...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BORROW NEXT?
GO AHEAD AND ASK I'LL LEND YOU ANYTHING
SAHARA?
I'LL LEND THEM TO YOU, THEN DO ME A FAVOR...
DON'T COME OVER TO TALK TO ME ANYMORE


I CAN GET BY WITHOUT YOU BESIDE ME
SO DON'T WORRY, I'LL LIVE JUST FINE.
I'M TIRED OF IT
SA. .
YOU PROBABLY FIND IT AMUSING TO MAKE FUN OF A NERD LIKE ME,
BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH
STOP IT!
I'M ANGRY RIGHT NOW, YUZUKI!
I'M NOT LISTENING TO YOU!
I DIDN'T COME OVER JUST TO BORROW THE NOTES
I'LL CONTINUE BORROWING YOUR NOTES. AND I'LL KEEP ON FOLLOWING YOU AROUND. ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?


AREN'T WE A COUPLE?!
HUH?
Damn it, this so embarrassing...
DON'T "HUH" ME, STUPID!
BUT. BUT, YUZUKI
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING AT THAT TIME.
HA! AND WERE YOU GOING TO SAY ANYTHING?


rustle
IS THIS A DREAM?
SO I HAD TO ASK, BUT MY HEART WAS BEATING MADLY ALL THE WHILE
YUZUKI LIKES
YOU WERE JUST GOING TO STAY SILENT AND GIVE ME UP, WEREN'T YOU?
YOU CERTAINLY DIDN'T TRY HARD ENOUGH
I WAS SO HAPPY
SINCE I COULD THEN GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL WITH YOU
WHEN YOU TOOK THIS
AND USED IT TO FINISH THE EXAM


I SEE
OH!
THAT'S WHY, THIS TIME, I WANT TO GO TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY THAT YOU WILL GO TO
I FELT SO HAPPY WHENEVER I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT
CAN IT BE THAT SAHARA CHOSE THIS SCHOOL BECAUSE OF ME?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
YEAH, AREN'T I SMART? IF I STUDY THE SAME THING AS YOU I'LL BE ABLE TO GO TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY.
THAT'S WHY YOU BORROWED...?
YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE WATCHING
I WAS WATCHING YOU, TOO
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE, RIGHT? HOW IRONIC
YOU'D ALWAYS BITE THIS PEN LIKE THIS WHEN YOU'RE THINKING.


AND I'D GLANCE AT YOUR TONGUE AND THINK, "SEXY"...
So then
I'm not the only confused one


Like how hot a kiss can feel.
Yuzuki knows everything
I suppose even the fact that I only bit this pen
But I'm sure there must be something he didn't know before
chuckle
YOU'RE TOO QUICK!


I'm sure there are many things Yuzuki wants to know
YUZUKI
We still have 6 months left
And after graduation as well
I want to get even more confused
GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL WITH ME!
I'LL TRY
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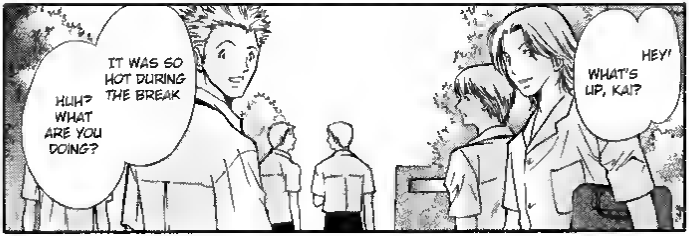
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DURING SUMMER VACATION, IN THE LIBRARY...
I GOT KISSED BY SENPAI


WH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SHOVE
OF COURSE, I RAN AWAY
PAIN

AND I THOUGHT HE WAS A DECENT GUY.




I THOUGHT SUCH THINGS WOULD NEVER HAPPEN, SINCE IT'S A BOYS' SCHOOL




OUR SCHOOL FACES THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

YAGUCHI-SENPAI IS THE RARE, REGULAR VISITOR OF THE LIBRARY.

SINCE MOST PEOPLE END UP GOING THERE, THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS ALWAYS EMPTY.


HE'S ALWAYS THERE BY THE WINDOW READING SOME DIFFICULT BOOK.
I'M ON LIBRARY DUTY, SO THAT'S HOW WE MET EACH OTHER
EVEN DURING SCHOOL BREAKS
JUST WHEN I CAME TO RELAX A BIT AROUND HIM.
Stare
THAT SCORCHING HOT DAY...
Stare
Cool
ICE
HERE SENPAI
IT'S SO FREAKING HOT TODAY!
ICE CREAM?
TAKE IT MY TREAT
IS IT OKAY?
IT'S A SECRET THERE'S JUST YOU AND ME HERE RIGHT NOW
LET'S DESTROY THE EVIDENCE QUICKLY
rustle
OKAY, THANKS.
YAGUCHI-SENPAI


INCREDIBLE HUH? ALREADY A SENIOR, AND HE'S STILL SO INTO HIS SOCCER CLUB
SAID HE'D STICK WITH IT UNTIL THE WINTER CUP SINCE HE DOESN'T HAVE TO TAKE ENTRANCE EXAMS ANYWAY
HAHA THAT'S JUST LIKE HIM.
OH YOU KNOW MY BROTHER?
YEAH WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS OUR FRESHMAN YEAR.
— HE'S ALSO A SENIOR LIKE MY BROTHER
HEY LOOK!
THAT'S MY BROTHER!
YOU TWO ARE SO ALIKE.
YOU'RE A FRESH-MAN TOO RIGHT?
WHAT? I'M NOT AS STRONG AS HIM.
HE WAS SMALLER WHEN HE WAS A FRESHMAN.
YOU PROB-ABLY WILL GROW SOME MORE.
OH YEAH?
I HOPE SO
AH!
OH NO! HE FELL!


IS HE OK?
AREN'T THEY SQUASHING HIM?
THEY ARE!
BRO ARE YOU OKAY?!
He doesn't seem to hear it
AH HE SEEMS ALRIGHT NOW
THANK GOD
AAAHHH!
AH I'M SORRY DID IT DROP ON YOU?
IT'S COLD!
IT FELL INSIDE MY SHIRT!
SORRY SORRY
WHERE?


YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BACK
HUH?
SHOCKED
I'M GLAD
WHAT ARE YOU ?
MORISAWA -KUN DOES IT TICKLE?
AND IT'S SO HOT TODAY TOO.
YA
SENPAI


Hehehe
THE ICE-CREAM IS MELTING
HUH?
WHAT?


STUNNED
DIM
I NEED TO DO SOMETHING SO THAT I WON'T RUN INTO HIM,
BUT MAYBE HE WON'T GO THERE ANYMORE.
MORISAWA
I
Thudum
What's he doing?
I THOUGHT OF IT AGAIN!


DOES IT MATTER? NOBODY GOES THERE ANYWAY
IDIOT. IF SOMEONE DOES, THEY'LL BE VERY ANGRY.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LIBRARY DUTY? ALREADY PLAYING TRUANT?
And it's just a two-week duty?
MORISAWA!
SENSEI!
I SEE
THAT SENIOR WHO'S THERE ALL THE TIME,
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO IF THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED?
Thudump
WELL, I ALREADY GAVE HIM THE KEYS AND TOLD HIM TO DO WHAT HE WANTED.
BUT APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU SEE HIM, GOT IT?
SO HE HAS GONE BACK, SINCE THAT DAY..
TO SEE ME?
LIBRARY
WHAT IS IT, KAI?


HAH, HE'S KEEPING SUCH A COOL FACE!
BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE WITH HIM ON MY OWN
NOT THAT I MIND
I'LL TREAT YOU TO MCDONALD'S LATER
SORRY
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY MAKE ME COME HERE WITH YOU?
Nothing else to do!

HUH...?


Ding
Dong
HEY, WE CAN GO NOW.




NOT... EVEN ONE GLANCE.




THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING YOU
WELL, I DO,
AND I DON'T WE USED TO BE CLOSE


?
CLOSE ?
WELL,
THAT'S THE PAST


YAGUCHI TAKASHI, RIGHT?
WHY? YOU KNOW HIM?


WHY? DID YOU TWO HAVE A FIGHT?
NO, WE DIDN'T,
AND I WANNA GET BACK ON GOOD TERMS WITH HIM BUT...
start
WHAT'S THIS?
IT SEEMED LIKE BEING WITH ME WAS PAINFUL FOR HIM.
YOU REMEMBER, DON'T YOU?
IT'S SUCH A HEAVY FEELING.


THE WOUNDS ON MY BACK...
HE FEELS GUILTY ABOUT IT.
Startled
"YOU HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BACK."
IN OUR FIRST YEAR, DURING A SELF-SUPERVISED LESSON,
WE WERE JUST FOOLING AROUND, AND WE WENT TO THE MAINTENANCE ROOM
"I'M GLAD."
SOMEHOW, YAGUCHI TRIPPED AND THE RAKE THERE...
WATCH OUT!"


"MORISAWA"
I WAS AT FAULT, TOO, BUT HE TOOK ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY
SINCE THEN, THINGS BECAME DIFFERENT BETWEEN US.
HE ALSO STARTED TO AVOID OTHER CLASSMATES EVEN NOW.
YOU SAID SOME TERRIBLE THINGS TO HIM, TOO
BUT IF YOU TWO ARE GETTING ALONG WELL, THAT'S GREAT.
THAT'S RIGHT! I REMEMBER
"MURDERER!"


"IF MY BROTHER DIES, IT'S YOUR FAULT!"
OH, THAT WAS YAGUCHI-SAN?
HIS FACE WAS SO PALE WHEN HE WENT TO VISIT MY BROTHER
HOW COME I DIDN'T REMEMBER UNTIL NOW?
OH, SO THAT'S WHY HE'S ALWAYS.
HEY!
KAI, WHAT'S WRONG?

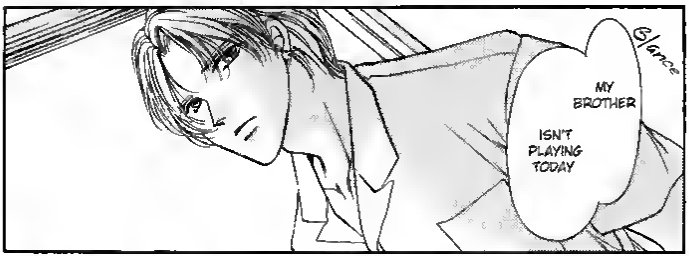


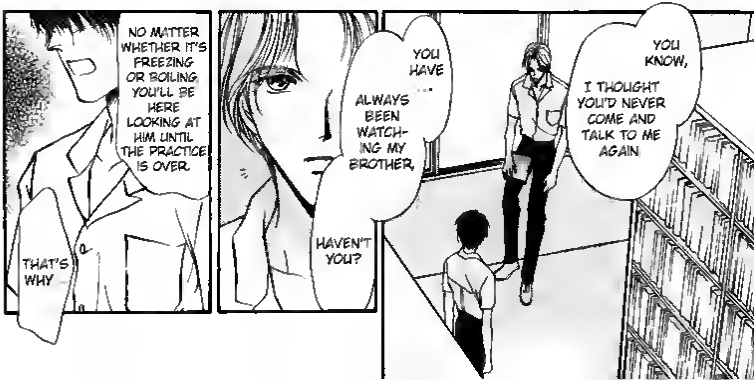

SO HE DOESN'T LOVE ME.






PRETENDING TO READ BOOKS. ALWAYS. ALWAYS.




THAT'S WHY YOU KISSED ME, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS TOO MUCH, SENPAI. I CAN'T...
YOUR WORDS DON'T MAKE SENSE
WHAT'S THIS "THAT'S WHY"?
THAT'S WHY!
YOU LIKE MY BROTHER, DON'T YOU?
AND BECAUSE I LOOK JUST LIKE HIM IN HIS FIRST YEAR, YOU...
NO.
YOU DON'T RESEMBLE HIM THAT MUCH.
WHAT?


I DIDN'T WANT TO KISS YOUR BROTHER
ALSO, YOU GOT SOMETHING ELSE WRONG, TOO
BUT I DIDN'T SAY THAT YOU LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE HIM
WELL, YOU TWO ARE BROTHERS
BUT BUT YOU SAID SO THE OTHER DAY
BUT
YEAH, IT'S TRUE THAT I'M ALWAYS WATCHING HIM FROM HERE,
BUT IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M IN LOVE WITH HIM
I'M KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM
JUST IN CASE HE SUDDENLY COLLAPSES


HIS INJURIES WERE REALLY SERIOUS.
SO MUCH SO THAT I THOUGHT HE MIGHT DIE
"MORISAWA! MORISAWA HANG ON THERE!"
"BRO! BRO WHAT HAPPENED?"
GLARE
"MUR-DERER!"
HIS WOUNDS ARE ALL HEALED NOW
BUT THE SCARS ARE THERE, AREN'T THEY?
AS LONG AS THEY ARE THERE I CAN'T REST.
I KNOW HE DOESN'T BLAME ME, BUT I CAN'T FORGET
THE SHARP CLAW THAT FELL ON HIM


FOR SOMEONE TO GET SO INJURED BECAUSE OF ME...
I THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN.
THIS PERSON, ALSO...
...RECEIVED THE SAME WOUND, AT THAT TIME
THEN
WHY DID YOU KISS ME?
A WOUND THAT WOULD LEAVE A SCAR FOREVER
THIS MIGHT SOUND INDECENT
WHAT?
YOU CALLED ME A MURDERER, DIDN'T YOU?
EVER SINCE
YOU KEPT APPEARING IN MY DREAMS
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS ALREADY IN LOVE WITH YOU. ISN'T THAT STRANGE?
I HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING YOU KNOW.
BUT I COULDN'T HOLD BACK LAST TIME


HAA...
I'M SORRY
AND THIS, TOO, BECAME A WOUND
TREMBLE
KAI-KUN ?
GLAD
THIS ONE CAUSED BY ME


I'M GLAD I'M NOT MY BROTHER'S SUBSTITUTE.
chuckle
NO, YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM YOUR BROTHER.
HE WASN'T THIS CUTE
FLUMP
DON'T HEAL.


I'D RATHER THIS WOUND NOT HEAL
twitch
UH...
CAN I...
TOUCH YOUR BACK?
YEAH
FOREVER.
YOU CAN.
CAUSE ME "PAIN", TOO.

I DON'T CARE IF IT REMAINS OPEN FOREVER




A NEW WOUND... THAT CAN MAKE YOU FORGET THAT MEMORY

WITH MY... BROTHER ——————


KAI
IS YOUR LEG OKAY?
YEAH.
YOU'RE WALKING A BIT FUNNY
SURE YOU DIDN'T SPRAIN IT?
I SAID I'M FINE
?
HEY, YOU
WHAT?
NO NOTHING.
I WONDER.
IF HE'S WORRIED THAT IT'S STILL HURTING.
DON'T BE. I'M TOTALLY FINE.




I WILL TAKE CARE SO THAT THIS LOVE WILL BE A WOUND THAT NEVER HEALS.

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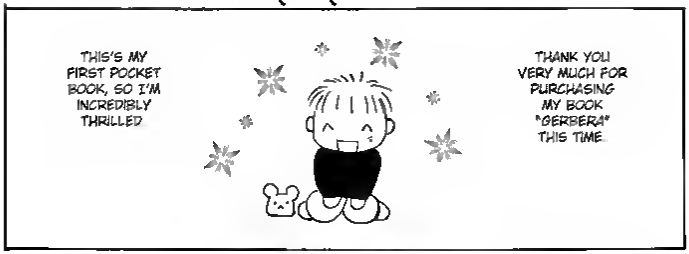
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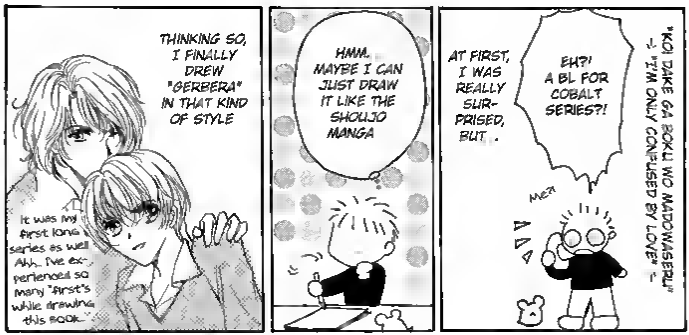
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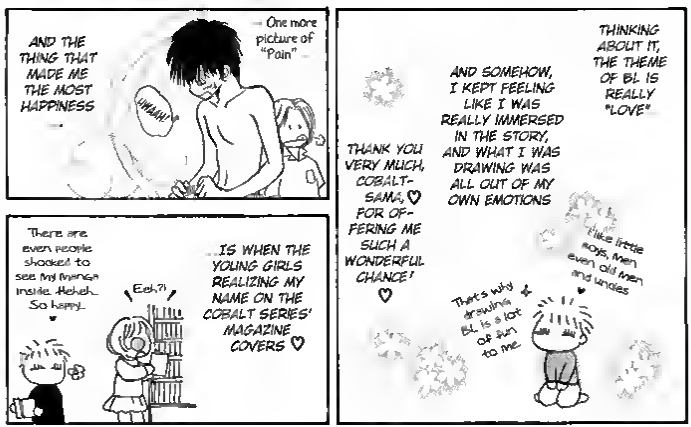
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